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us marine mammal commission MEETING TO BE held at hilton hotel FOR 3 DAYS IN SILVER SPRING MARYLAND- first, this is a complaint about meetings being held in expensive hotels, when govt buildings and libraries are available for such meetings free of charge to the meeting and ALREADY PAID FOR BY U.S. TAXPAYERS, SO THEY DO NOT HAVE TO KEEP PAYING HIGHER TAXES TO COVER DUPLICATION SUCH AS NOT USING THE MEETING ROOMS THAT ARE ALREADY PAID FOR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

IT IS URGENT TO DEVELOP STANDARDS THAT DO NOT ALLOW SONAR AND OTHER NOISE TO BE USED TO KILL MARINE LIFE. I NOTE THE DESTRUCTIVE METHODS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED TO KILL MARINE LIFE AND I EARNESTLY OPPOSE ALLOWING THE USE OF SUCH DESTRUCTIVE PROCESSES.

I THINK IT IS TIME TO STOP THINKING OF OUR OCEANS AS "GLOBAL HIGHWAYS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE". IT IS TIME TO REALIZE THAT OUR OCEANS TOO ARE FINITE AND ARE BEING STRESSED TO THE MAXIMUM AT PRESENT, AND PERHAPS DO NOT OFFER INCREASED USE. THIS WORLD IS NOT INFINITE. THIS BODY MUST CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THAT.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING RECENT REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUP ON ANIMAL WELFARE SINCE IT IS QUITE CLEAR THE ANIMALS ARE RECEIVING ENORMOUS POPULATION DECREASES FROM HUMAN INTRUSION.

I ALSO THINK GETTING SOME ACTION ON THIS IS ESSENTIAL. REPORTS CAN GO ON FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS AND EACH YEAR MORE MARINE MAMMALS ARE DYING. WE NEED ACTION FOR PROTECTION IN PLACE. NOT YEARS AND YEARS OF REPORTS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE COMMENTS ARE FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD.

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